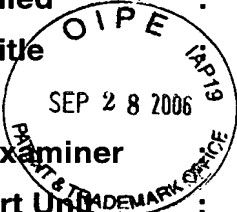


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Sylvain Chevreau et al.
Serial No. : 09/807,697
Filed : April 17, 2001
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Art Unit : 3621



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2006, having a shortened period for response that expired on June 24, 2006, which period has been extended to expire on September 25, 2006, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit an RCE with the following Amendment and accompanying remarks. Please charge the fee for filing a response within 3 months of the shortened statutory period, the RCE, and any other fees that may be associated with this filing to Deposit Account No. 07-0832. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.